PRESS RELEASE

TO: Media Outlets

FROM: City of Bethlehem Health Department &

Emergency Management

SUBJECT: Coronavirus [COVID – 19]

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

The City of Bethlehem currently has a total of six cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19). A bus driver for LANTA is among the individuals who recently tested positive for COVID-19. The bus driver worked on March 20, 2020 and drove several trips between Easton and Bethlehem during their shift.

The Bethlehem Health Department is working with LANTA to notify employees who may have had close contact with this individual. All close contacts will be quarantined for a minimum of 14 days. If you feel that you may have had close contact with this individual, please self-monitor for symptoms. If you begin to exhibit symptoms, contact your health care provider to determine if you should be tested.

Since the start of this outbreak, LANTA has enhanced cleaning procedures to disinfect commonly touches surfaces on their buses and vans, such as seat handles, hand rails, etc.

During this time, the City of Bethlehem is strongly encouraging everyone to engage in community strategies to slow the spread of the disease. For individuals working for life sustaining businesses, such as grocery stores, food service, and health care,





please stay at home if you are sick. For life supporting businesses, if you have any employee with symptoms, please tell them to stay at home.

For questions about COVID-19, please contact the Pennsylvania Department of Health at 1-877-PA-HEALTH or the Bethlehem Health Department at 610-865-7083.

